(ग) सरकार ने वर्ष 1992-93 के दौरान जीवन बीमा निगम के सहयोग से विद्युतकरघा बुनकरों के लिए एक समूह बीमा योजना शुरू की है। इस योजना में केन्द्रीय सरकार, राज्य सरकार तथा विद्युतकरघा क्षेत्र द्वारा वार्षिक प्रीमियम की बराबर भागीदारी करने की व्यवस्था है। 10,000 रु० वाले बीमा के लिए 120 रु० का वार्षिक प्रीमियम अदा किया जाएगा। भारत सरकार की निधियों के अंशदान को प्रतिपूर्ति आधार पर राज्य सरकार के जरिए सरणीबद्ध किया जाएगा।

(घ) जी नहीं।

(ङ) इस समय 11.9 लाख विद्युत-करघा पंजीकृत हैं जिनकी क्षमता लगभग 24,000 मिलियन वर्ग मीटर कपड़ा प्रतिवर्ष है तथा जिनका प्रतिशत उपयोग 67 प्रतिशत बनता है।

**Export of Cotton**

2608. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS :

SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH :

SHRI P. UPENDRA :

SHRI MUHAMMAD MASOOD KHAN :

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be please to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that carry-over stock of the cotton is likely to be more than 47 lakh bales of cotton at the end of the year;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for which only 5 lakh tonnes of bales have been permitted for exports and not 15 lakh bales at present;

(c) whether Government propose to ask institutional buyers to purchase about 40 per cent of the current year production i.e., around 30 lakh bales to prevent slump in the market and protect fanners' interest; and

(d) whether cotton production in the world is higher than consumption ?

THE MINISTER OF (STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) No Sir. Cotton Advisory Board (CAB), in its meeting held on 9th October, 1992, has estimated the carry-over stock of cotton at the end of the cotton year 1992-93 at 37.70— 42.70 lakh bales.

(b) After evaluating the cotton scenario and in terms of Governments long term strategy regarding export of cotton to help cotton farmers, the Government has pleased 9.26 lakh bales of cotton so far during the current cotton season.

(c) Cotton Corporation of India (CO) is an organisation which undertakes price support operations on behalf of the Government, as and when the kapas prices fall below the ;minimum support price levels fixed. CCI's endeavour is to sustain the price level of Kapas. In addi tion, CO also undertakes commercial operations in cotton for domestic & export requirements. To protect the farmers' interest, the Government have already released a quota of 9.26 lakh bales for export during the year to CCT and the other Coop. Institutions.

(d) No, Sir. The Cotton production in the world during 1992-93 has been pro jected at 18.90 million metric tonnes as against the estimated consumption of 19.04 million metric tonnes.

**Modernisation of Sick Textile Mills**

2609. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that under the new textile policy Government had ear marked 800 crore rupees for the moderni sation of sick textile Mills in the country in 1987;

(b) whether it is also a fact that only fifty per cent amount has been spent so far;

(c) if so, what are this details of amount spent year-wise since 1987 and the reasons for not spending the entire funds earmarked for the purpose; and